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### UTAH COURT OF APPEALS HEADS TO MOAB

**Salt Lake City, Utah**—The Utah Court of Appeals is heading south to Moab for a special session of the court on April 12 at 9:00 a.m. The court will be hearing oral arguments at the Grand County Courthouse, 125 East Center Street.

“Utah’s two appellate courts—the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court—hear cases primarily in Salt Lake’s Scott M. Matheson Courthouse,” said Judge Gregory K. Orme. “Both courts, however, on occasion will travel to hear cases in other parts of the state to give the public an opportunity to see the how the court operates first hand.”

One of the cases that will be argued before the court on April 12 is Moab Citizens Alliance v. Grand County. This case involves Grand County’s annexation of about 2,000 acres of school trust lands into the Spanish Valley Water and Sewer Improvement District to facilitate the proposed “Cloudrock” resort development in the Johnson’s Up-On-Top Mesa area southeast of Moab.

The three judges who will preside at the hearing are Judge Orme, who has served on the Court of Appeals since 1987; Judge William A. Thorne, who has served on the Court of Appeals since 2000; and Judge Norman H. Jackson, who has served on the Court of Appeals since 1987 and recently announced plans to retire from the bench in August 2005.

Following the court session, the judges will be available to answer questions about the appellate process. Utah law prohibits judges from addressing a specific case, however, they can discuss general topics regarding the justice system.

The Utah Court of Appeals was created in 1987 to handle an increasing load of appellate cases facing the Utah Supreme Court.

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